

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, and 14, which are set forth below in a clean form.

Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 (c), replaced claims are shown in a marked-up version attached to this amendment.

- Sub 1/ 1. (Once amended) A reticle storing movable rack system comprising:
- a plurality of flat tracks fixedly secured to a floor,
 - a plurality of storage units, each of said storage units comprising a plurality of racks adapted to be moved along flat tracks of said plurality of flat tracks, each of said racks being electrically grounded, and
 - an operator engageable drive assist mechanism to move said racks,
 - wherein each of said racks comprises shelves with plurality of cells for housing reticles therein, said cells having electrostatic shielding properties, said electrostatic shielding properties being secured by making said cells metallic and electrically connecting them to said racks.

- Sub 1/ 5. (Once amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said racks are made double-sided.
- A2 6. (Once amended) A reticle storing movable rack system comprising:
- a plurality of flat tracks fixedly secured to a floor,
 - a plurality of storage units, each of said storage units comprising a plurality of racks adapted to be moved along flat tracks of said plurality of flat tracks, and
 - an operator engageable drive assist mechanism to move said racks,
 - wherein each of said racks comprises shelves with plurality of cells for housing reticles therein,

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- wherein, with the purpose of imparting antiseismic properties to the system, said shelves are made with a slope directed inside said racks, and

- wherein each of said racks is electrically grounded and said cells have electrostatic shielding properties.

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8. (Once amended) The system according to claim 6, wherein said racks are made double-sided.

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10. (Once amended) The system according to claim 6, wherein said electrostatic shielding properties are secured by making said cells metallic and electrically connecting them to said racks.

11. (Once amended) A reticle storing movable rack system comprising:

- a plurality of flat tracks fixedly secured to a floor,
- a plurality of storage units, each of said storage units comprising a plurality of racks adapted to be moved along flat tracks of said plurality of flat tracks, and
- an operator engageable drive assist mechanism to move said racks,
- wherein each of said racks comprises shelves with plurality of cells for housing reticles therein, said shelves being made with a slope directed inside said racks and said cells having electrostatic shielding properties, said electrostatic shielding properties are secured by making said cells metallic, electrically connecting said metallic cells to said racks, and electrically grounding said racks.

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14. (Once amended) The system according to claim 11, wherein said racks are made double-sided.

Cancel claims 2, 9, and 12 without prejudice.

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